

ALCEDO? PUSILLA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum trigonum crassum, rectum, longum.

Lingua carnosâ, brevissima, plana, acuta.

Pedes gressorii plerisque.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 178.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ALCEDO? cærulea, subtus fulva, macula colli
utrinque purpurea.

TODUS CÆRULEUS?

Lath. ind. orn. p. 266.

Gmel. Syst. Nat. 1. p. 444.

Alcedinis pusillæ sui generis longe minimæ,
ostendit tabula veram et naturalem magnitudinem.
Generat eam India Orientalis. In Sumatra etiam
frequens conspicitur.



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THE
MINUTE KINGFISHER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill trigonal, thick, strait, long, sharp-pointed.

Tongue fleshy, very short, flat, sharp-pointed.

Feet (in most species) gressorial, *i. e.* three toes forward and one backward; and the three lower joints of the middle toe closely joined to those of the outmost.

Linnæus and *Pennant*.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SMALL BLUE KINGFISHER? (Tody?) fulvous beneath, with a purple spot on each side the neck.

LE TODIER BLEU à ventre orangé.

Buff. ois. 7. p. 229.

TODIER DE JUIDA?

Pl. enl. 783. f. 1.

This bird is beyond comparison the smallest of the Kingfisher tribe. The plate represents it in its natural size. It is a native of the East Indies, and is also common in Sumatra.